

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
AT KNOXVILLE**

BLAKE BEELEER, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JONATHAN SKRMETTI, et al.,

Defendants.

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No. 3:21-cv-152

Judge Katherine A. Crytzer

Magistrate Judge Debra C. Poplin

JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE DEADLINE

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b)(1)(A), Plaintiffs and Defendants jointly move to set November 14, 2022, as the deadline for Defendants to respond to Plaintiffs' operative complaint.

Defendants moved to dismiss Plaintiffs' original complaint on August 16, 2021. On July 1, 2022, Defendants gave notice of the Supreme Court's decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Ass'n, Inc. v. Bruen*, 142 S.Ct. 2111 (June 23, 2022) (D.E. 26), which, after a conference with the Court, resulted in a brief forty-five day stay of the proceedings to allow the parties and the Court to consider the appropriate legal standard that governs this matter. (D.E. 28.) At the expiration of the stay, Plaintiffs filed a First Amended Complaint to incorporate their view of *Bruen*. (D.E. 30.)

Defendants' response to Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint is due on October 27, 2022. However, due to the Court's standing order requiring conferral before a party moves to dismiss (D.E. 5), on October 20, 2022, and again on October 26, 2022, counsel for Plaintiffs and counsel for General Skrmetti conferred via email and telephone regarding the motion to dismiss for lack of subject matter jurisdiction that General Skrmetti intended to file on October 27, 2022. Plaintiffs have stated that they desire more time to evaluate the basis of General Skrmetti's contemplated motion before determining how they will proceed as to General Skrmetti. Additionally, Defendant

Jeff Long, Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, requires additional time to prepare his response in light of the Supreme Court's ruling in *Bruen*.

Accordingly, the parties move for an 18-day extension of Defendants' deadline to file a response to the Amended Complaint from October 27, 2022, to November 14, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

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